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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARIES ELLSWORTH, SHRONTZ AND LABERGE

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS, NL
SUBJECT: REPLACEMENT FIGHTER

REF: THE HAGUE 0335

1. IN LIGHT OF JUST COMPLETED CONVERSATION WITH GENERAL KNOOP, CHIEF, RNAF, IT APPEARS THAT HE AND DUTCH CONSORTIUM MEMBER GENERAL STOKLA, DIRECTOR OF MATERIEL, WHILE ENDORSING OUR SYMPOSIUM CONCEPT NOW HAVE DEFINITE RESERVATIONS ABOUT ITS TIMING. CONSEQUENTLY, WE SUSPEND OUR RECOMMENDATION THAT SYMPOSIUM BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 5 UNTIL WE MEET WITH STOKLA AND KNOOP TO DISCUSS TIME FRAME.

2. KNOOP TOLD ME THAT TOP MILITARY FEEL SYMPOSIUM SHOULD NOT OCCUR UNTIL AFTER CONSORTIUM REACHES ITS DECISION.

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TO HOLD IT IN ADVANCE, KNOOP SAID, COULD BE DISADVAN-

TAGEOUS "TO THE DECISION WE WANT TO MAKE", MEANING YF-16
SELECTION. WHILE HE WAS UNWILLING TO VENTURE
DATE WHEN CONSORTIUM WILL ACT HE SAID THAT BELGIUM IS
PRESSING HARD FOR EARLY DECISION WHICH DUTCH MILITARY WELCOME.
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